

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Harvest Behind Schedule Except for Peanuts

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 21, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Bolls Opening	96	95	91	92
Cotton Harvested	29	17	36	41
Peanuts Dug	78	61	64	57
Peanuts Combined	55	34	51	43
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	91	83	89	90
Soybeans Harvested	27	17	35	45
Winter Wheat Planted	11	8	27	10
Winter Wheat Emerged	2	N/A	11	2

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Cotton	1	3	25	60	11
Peanuts	0	0	8	82	10
Soybeans	1	2	21	59	17
Livestock	1	5	26	60	8
Pasture & Range	3	6	30	56	5

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	4.8	0	8	92	0
District 20	4.8	0	1	85	14
District 30	5.5	0	13	85	2
District 40	6.2	1	16	82	1
District 50	6.5	0	27	73	0
District 60	6.2	4	27	67	2
State: Current Week	5.6	1	14	81	4
State: Previous Week	5.8	2	13	78	7

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: According to Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, a few showers and thunderstorms delayed field activities for a day early in the week, but weather conditions improved for the remaining days in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. James

Jones, Jr. stated Henry County did not receive much rainfall this week.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, reported cotton harvest was complete in Marion County, and yields were reported at over 2 bales per acre. Additionally, Malone said harvest should begin this week on late planted and double crop soybeans in both Marion and Winston County. Donald Mann, FSA CED, confirmed Jackson County still has a small acreage of late planted corn to be harvested. With good weather forecasted for the week, farmers will be busy harvesting cotton and soybeans, stated Mann. Cotton, soybean, and peanut harvest were progressing well, said Jeffrey Smith. James Jones, Jr. confirmed peanut harvest was proceeding well, while cotton harvest was late and behind schedule in Henry County.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Jack Tatum, ACES REA, said winter grazing benefited from excellent rains and great temperatures throughout Clay, Cleburn, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, reported Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties were dry and could use rainfall for winter grazing. Donald Mann said farmers in Jackson County expected to plant winter wheat this coming week if the weather permits.

Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, October 15, 2012, to
Sunday, October 21, 2012
(7 days)

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	59.6	1.33
Atmore	Atmore	AL	64.9	2.03
Bankhead L&d	Bankhead	AL	62.7	0.97
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	61.6	2.26
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	61.9	0.54
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	65.1	2.12
Clayton	Clayton	AL	64.0	0.19
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	58.4	0.40
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	64.7	0.98
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	64.2	0.54
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	62.4	0.12
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	62.7	0.50
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	61.1	0.60
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	60.2	1.55
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	57.5	0.40
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	60.3	0.47
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	66.6	0.16
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	63.5	0.19
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	61.1	0.78
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	59.5	1.02
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	59.1	0.65
Selma	Selma	AL	64.7	0.02
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	59.8	0.42
Thomasville	Thomasville	AL	65.4	1.54

U.S. Drought Monitor, October 16, 2012

National Weather Service

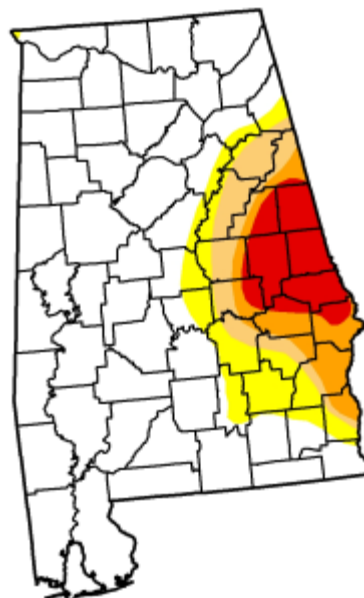
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	74.36	25.64	17.17	11.69	6.82	0.00
Last Week (10/09/2012 map)	76.42	23.58	17.17	11.69	6.82	0.00
3 Months Ago (07/17/2012 map)	10.15	89.85	58.56	29.35	15.65	1.08
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	71.58	28.42	19.42	15.36	8.69	0.00
One Year Ago (10/11/2011 map)	54.59	45.41	38.78	28.75	14.35	0.00

Intensity:

 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Drought - Extreme
 D1 Drought - Moderate	 D4 Drought - Exceptional
 D2 Drought - Severe	



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